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With reference to the letter dated 10 May 2018 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations (S/2018/448) regarding Security Council resolutions 2216 (2015) and 2231 (2015), I wish to categorically reject the allegations made by Saudi Arabia against the Islamic Republic of Iran in the above-mentioned letter.

Indeed, such baseless accusations are nothing but an attempt to distract attention from the military aggression which Saudi Arabia has begun and continued against Yemen since 26 March 2015. The Saudis' war of aggression against Yemen has failed to achieve the objectives of its initiator and has succeeded only in destroying Yemen's infrastructure by unrelenting aerial bombardment, killing thousands of civilians through indiscriminate targeting, imposing a devastating blockade and producing the world's worst humanitarian crisis.

Saudi Arabia, instead of realizing that there is no military solution for Yemen, continues to label the courageous Yemeni people, groups and parties who defend their county against the Saudi aggression as "terrorists". Saudi Arabia should recognize the fact that these people and groups are part of the political solution in Yemen.

The Islamic Republic of Iran firmly believes that the only way to restore peace and stability in Yemen is to allow and prepare the conditions for all Yemeni parties to establish their own inclusive national unity government through an all-inclusive Yemeni-led and Yemeni-owned national dialogue. The Islamic Republic of Iran has presented a peace plan to this effect (see S/2015/263 and S/2017/949) and stands ready to engage with all relevant stakeholders in a meaningful dialogue to operationalize this peace plan.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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